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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NSSM-37, NSSM-29, and NSDM-9

In order to be fully prepared for substantive negotiations in Paris should the opportunity arise, the President has directed that:

- The provincial studies of the VSSG should be submitted to the Review Group by April 20 for inclusion into a cease-fire position.
- The NSC Ad Hoc Group should forward to the Review Group its recommendations on whether and how NSDM-9 and the related NSSM-29 papers need to be revised in order to serve as the basis for an overall negotiating strategy and for negotiations on the issue of mutual withdrawal. This should be done by April 15, 1970.
- The NSC Ad Hoc Group should review the status of the NSSM-37 papers requested at the meeting of the NSC Review Group on July 10, 1969, and should make those papers available for further Review Group consideration by June 1, 1970. It should also review and update the papers presented to the Review Group at the meeting of July 10, 1969, and incorporate comments from Embassy Saigon as appropriate. Specifically, it should forward the following papers requested at the July 10, 1969, meeting:

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--On political settlement, the papers on the nature and operations of a mixed commission for elections and on territorial/political accommodation as a means of settlement. The latter paper is to include an examination of alternative routes toward territorial/political accommodation.

--On withdrawals, there should be an updating on the basis of current force levels.

--On verification, a full analysis should be included on the option of using the International Control Commission (as now constituted or as changed), or of using other international bodies, as well as cost estimates.

--On international guarantees, a paper incorporating the comments from Embassy Saigon which had not been received in time for incorporation into the paper last year.


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